GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 566

Short Title:	Give State Retirees 2% COLA/Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Gill, Wheatley, and Penny (Primary Sponsors). *For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*	
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April 5, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 135-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(zzz) From and after July 1, 2023, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2022, shall be increased by two percent (2%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2023, in accordance with subsection (o) of this section. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2023, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2022, but before June 30, 2023, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two percent (2%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023."

SECTION 2. G.S. 135-65 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(kk) From and after July 1, 2023, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2022, shall be increased by two percent (2%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2023. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2023, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2022, but before June 30, 2023, shall be increased by a prorated amount of two percent (2%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023."

SECTION 3. G.S. 120-4.22A is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(ee) In accordance with subsection (a) of this section, from and after July 1, 2023, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before January 1, 2023, shall be increased by two percent (2%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2023. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2023, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after January 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2023, shall be increased by a prorated amount two percent (2%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between January 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023."

SECTION 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve for Retiree Cost-of-Living Adjustments the recurring sum of one hundred million dollars ($100,000,000) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the recurring sum of one hundred million dollars ($100,000,000) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to implement the cost-of-living adjustment authorized by this act.

SECTION 5. This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.